

**Richard J. Ward Is Dead.**

Word has been received here of the death in Baltimore, Sunday, of Richard J. Ward, formerly a machinist in the navy yard here. Mr. Ward was born in Baltimore, but was employed in this city for about fifteen years. He was thirty-eight years old. Funeral services will be held at St. John's church, Baltimore, tomorrow morning. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Annie Ward, and two daughters, Misses Anna V. and Catherine Ward.

**To Lecture to "Keep Wells."**

"Air and Ventilation" is to be the subject of an address by Dr. John B. Nichols before the National Society of Keep Wells Friday evening in the parish hall of St. John's Church, 16th and H streets northwest.

**ANOTHER NAVAL ACADEMY SOON MAY BE NECESSARY**

Pacific Coast Would Be Logical Place Should It Be Required, Secretary Daniels Says.

The increased building program for the navy contemplated by administration plans ultimately will necessitate the establishment of a second naval academy in the opinion of Secretary Daniels. When that time comes, he said today, the Pacific coast would be the logical place for the new institution.

Secretary Daniels' recommendations to Congress call for increasing the undergraduate body at Annapolis to the full 1,200 capacity of the institution. That will take care of the first increment of new junior officers necessary for the proposed increases of the fleet. Mr. Daniels said, however, that if there were no international disarmament agreement at the close of the Eu-

ropean war and the United States were to continue battleship building on a competitive basis a new academy would turn out increasing numbers of navy officers would be necessary. He felt, he said, that the present institution should not be called upon to deal with more than 1,200 men in order to obtain the best results.

**Commissioners Approve Plans.**

Approval was given by the District Commissioners today to plans for a public comfort station to be located at the intersection of 15th and H streets and Maryland avenue northeast. Bids will be called for within the next ten days and the building, it is expected, will be completed within five months. An appropriation of \$5,000 is available for the improvement.

John F. Weyler, former warden of the Maryland penitentiary, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home at Rognel Heights, Baltimore.

**WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED****GERMAN STATEMENT.**

Berlin, December 28, via London, 3:22 p.m.

Western theater of war: In Westende-Bad three inhabitants, including two women, were killed by fire from an enemy monitor. Along the front there were at times lively artillery, hand-grenade and mining duels.

On the Hiezstein a French advance was carried out early this morning. Detailed reports are not yet available. Active railway traffic at the Soissons station was stopped by our artillery. The French have recently provided a hospital situated in the immediate neighborhood of the railway station, with a Red Cross flag, apparently to protect the railway station. On account of its proximity to the railway station the possibility of the hospital being hit by chance is not excluded.

Eastern theater of war: On the Berezina and northward of Gortary and near Berestany Russian reconnoitering divisions were repulsed. Balkan theater of war: The situation is unchanged.

**AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.**

Vienna, December 27, via London, December 28.

Russian theater: The situation is unchanged. Italian theater: The activity of the Italian artillery against the southern Tyrolean front was much more vigorous yesterday. In the fighting on the eastern heights of the Etch valley, south of Rovereto, the enemy lost 200 men killed or wounded. On the Isonzo front there has been isolated gun firing. Southeastern theater: There have been no important events. Fifty-five hundred small arms have been counted among the booty captured in Belopolje.

**BRITISH STATEMENT.**

London, December 28.

A British official statement issued last night reads: The enemy this morning sprung a mine opposite our line south of Hohenzollern redoubt. We have consolidated the edge of the crater. Our artillery bombarded the hostile trenches south of the Lille-Armennieres railway with good effect. The enemy replied vigorously, but caused little damage. Elsewhere there is normal artillery activity only to report.

**ITALIAN STATEMENT.**

Rome, December 27, via London, December 28.

In the Giudicaria valley our artillery opened fire yesterday on positions in the neighborhood of Cologna, on which enemy batteries had been reported, and by a well directed fire caused several heavy explosions and an outburst of flames.

The activity of small detachments of our troops in the valleys of the Rio Cameras and Maggio torrent led to successful encounters with the enemy, in which we took some prisoners. On the Corso the enemy's attempt during the night to attack our positions on Monte Zebusi was promptly stopped by the fire of our troops.

**RUSSIAN STATEMENT.**

Petrograd, via London, December 28.

Western front: At Schmarlen, in the direction of the coast region, a Russian detachment organized a surprise attack upon a German post. At 4 o'clock in the morning the Russians approached without being seen, cut through the barbed wire, placed themselves upon the German posts, threw hand grenades through the windows, and after a hand-to-hand encounter destroyed the whole post. Six prisoners were taken. In spite of a heavy fire from the south, the Russians retired successfully, with insignificant losses. In the region of Czartorysk station, near a cemetery in the village of Novo Podcherevitche, we annihilated a German post, taking sixteen prisoners.

In the Black sea, near the Bulgarian shore, our torpedo boats destroyed two sailing vessels and bombed posts upon the shore. The enemy's submarines attacked our destroyer near the Gromkii near the Bulgarian coast. The Gromkii skillfully evaded two torpedoes and repulsed an attack by gunfire. There were no casualties. One of the submarines was sunk.

Caucasus front: West of Khakhdan our troops occupied the town of Asadabad. In a fight near the village of Rabatkerim, forty versts (about twenty-seven miles) southwest of Teheran, with Persian gendarmes and tribes of Emir Kichmet we took prisoners seventy-one insurgents.

**TURKISH STATEMENT.**

Constantinople, December 27, via London, December 28.

Dardanelles front: Friday night our artillery forced a torpedo boat, which had bombed the landing place at Ari Burnu to withdraw. Near Seddul Bahr the enemy fired a considerable number of bombs and aerial torpedoes. Our artillery destroyed enemy bomb mortars and caused important damage in the first and second line trenches.

An enemy cruiser which had repeatedly bombed Altchetepe and its surroundings was hit four times. Our batteries in the narrow straits effectively bombed the landing places of the Seddul Bahr troops, the concentration place near Kereves Dere, reserves west of Eski Hissarik and howitzer batteries causing visible damage, and sank two armored boats. Near Morto Laman Saturday one of our water planes made successful reconnoitering flights over the island of Navro and enemy positions near Seddul Bahr, and hit with a bomb a torpedo boat south of Seddul Bahr.

The Constantinople dispatch relating to the fighting near the Tripoli frontier, as received in London, is identical with that sent out from Berlin by wireless.

**FRENCH STATEMENT.**

Paris, December 28.

In the Vosges there is intense activity on the part of artillery over the whole front. At Hartmannsweilerkopf, on the southeastern slope of the hill at Rohlfelsen, an attempt of the enemy to make sorties from his trenches was arrested by a certain of fire.

There were no events of importance along the rest of the front. Last night's French official statement reads: In Belgium a fire carried out against the enemy positions between the great dune and the sea gave good results. Parapets were destroyed in several places and a blockhouse on the first German line was blown up. In Ardennes last evening we exploded a mine to the northwest of hill 140. The enemy was prevented by us from occupying the crater.

Between the Somme and the Oise our artillery dispersed an enemy detachment to the north of Moussy. In Champagne, near hill 193, after a bombardment, the enemy directed against our line an attack which was easily repulsed.

In the Vosges, to the north of the Linze, our artillery succeeded in destroying a battery casemate and machine gun shelters. We likewise successfully bombarded trenches of the enemy at Schtrammende.

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**TELLS OF THE DOW BOARD PEACE SHIP**

Washington Man First of Ford Party to Reach the United States.

HE QUIT AT KIRKWALL BECAUSE OF QUARRELING

Robert Bastian Bermann Went Along to Edit Appeals to Warring Kings.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The Times says today:

The first member of the Ford expedition to return to this country arrived yesterday. The Swedish-American liner Stockholm, with first-hand news of the voyage of the peace ark Oscar II from New York to Kirkwall. He is Robert Bastian Bermann of Washington, D. C., who was engaged as a critic of English to supervise all copy before it was sent out to kings, presidents and other distinguished persons. After the expedition had become divided into factions, called McClureites and anti-McClureites, over the criticisms of President Wilson's message, he decided his services were needed no longer, and he was transferred to Kirkwall by the Stockholm by the courtesy of the harbor master.

Mr. Bermann said that Mr. Ford was not seriously ill when the Oscar II reached Kirkwall. The auto man was reserved, and did not take any side in the oral skirmishes which occurred daily at the meetings on board, but he usually was seen at meal times. The bar was closed officially at 11:30 o'clock at night, but frequently there were sessions behind closed doors until 4:30 o'clock in the morning. The request of the Skala Club, which was formed on the ship after leaving New York.

Mr. Ford's Big Staff.

Mr. Ford's staff consisted of twelve stenographers, four multigraph operators, five dictaphone operators, seven publicity men and six messengers. According to Mr. Bermann, who said that the staff was kept busy getting out messages which were dispatched by wireless continuously when the operator could get in touch with a wireless station or relay through another steamer.

As many as 40,000 words were sent in one day, Mr. Bermann asserted, and he had to read and correct them. Mr. Ford sent a message of 600 words to each of nine rulers of independent nations at 50 cents a word, and the bill paid at Kirkwall for the total wireless amounted to \$50,000, the wireless editor declared.

"After we left New York December 4," Mr. Bermann said, "all went well until December 10, when a meeting was held after dinner in the second-class saloon, convened by Rev. Dr. J. Lloyd Jones of Chicago. Rev. Dr. Charles A. Aked and Mrs. Joseph Peis, as a committee of three to outline plans for the trip to Stockholm, took advantage of the meeting to read an advance copy of the President's message to Congress which started all the trouble.

McClure Starts "Rioting."

Louis F. Lochner, who attended the meeting as Henry Dore's representative, attacked the section of the speech dealing with armaments, and proposed a resolution condemning it, which was seconded by Rev. Dr. Jones. Mr. McClure jumped up from his seat excitedly and excused himself by saying previous policies, editorial and personal. I cannot remain silent when an official action of the president of the United States is impugned.

This started the rioting, which spread to all parts of the ship. Mr. Ford was not present, as he was engaged signing checks. He began to complain of not feeling well on the morning of the rioting. The peace pilgrims were divided into two camps—those who sided with Mr. McClure and those who agreed with the opposition. At the next meeting Rev. Dr. Jones made a direct charge that Mr. McClure was responsible for the spreading of dissension on the ship. Mr. McClure was defended by Gov. Hanna of North Dakota, Lieut. Gov. Beches of South Carolina, Mrs. Inez Holland Boiessevain and John D. Barry, who all refused to sign a resolution to be sent to the peace tribunal at The Hague condemning the President's message relating to the program for disarmament.

"The newspaper correspondents were asked to sign the resolution, but declined on the ground that they were not members of the party that they were mentioned in the peace patches were the publicity men employed by Mr. Ford.

Decided to Quit Ship.

"By this time the wrangling had become so distasteful to me that I decided to return to the United States as soon as possible. Mme. Schwimmer took charge of the anti-McClure party. When the Oscar II arrived at the north of Scotland December 13 she was boarded by a prize crew from the British auxiliary cruiser Hildebrand, formerly the U. S. Star liner, under command of Lieut. Jenkins, who was accompanied by a midshipman and four marines, who took us into Kirkwall next day. The steamer was detained there three days while the passengers and cargo miffes were taken ashore for examination. The British authorities behaved with great courtesy, and the harbor master was kind enough to transfer me to the Stockholm in his own launch. No one was allowed on shore."

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